share released during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (scheme-wise and state-wise) are given in the Annexure (*See Appendix 181 Annexure No. 28)* Unspent balance, if any, is allowed to be carried over for the next financial year and are not returned by the States to the Central Government.

Funds for Development of Rural Roads

863. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided for development of rural roads;

(b) whether adequate funds have been denied for rural roads; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to increase funds for rural roads?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) Construction of Rural Roads is a State subject and funds for this purpose are provided in the Annual Plan of State Governments, and approved by the Planning Commission. The 8th Plan outlay approved for rural roads under the Minimum Needs Programme is Rs. 3066.10 crore. Anticipated expenditure is about 87.4% of the outlay. The outlay for 9th Plan has not yet been finalised.

Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh

864. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked for Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) whether utilisation certificates have been received by Government;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase allocation for Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) In Andhra Pradesh Watershed Programme is being taken up under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Waste Lands Development Project (IWDP) Scheme and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The funds earmarked for these programmes during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
DPAP	1380.00	2635.00	2755.00
DDP	—	540.00	540.00
EAS	5195.00	7275.00	10550.00
IWDP*	661.99	747.16	976.28

*Under IWDP funds are not earmarked but funds are released on project to project basis. Hence figures reported here are funds released.

(b) Utilisation Certificates from most of the districts have been received.

(c) and (d) A proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for funds for an additional 500 Watershed Projects at a cost of about Rs.2518.75 lakhs during 1997-98 under DPAP & DDP. Under IWDP, no allocation of funds is made as projects are sanctioned on project to project basis. Similarly under EAS there is no fixed allocation for States/Districts as scheme is demand driven. As such the question of any proposal to increase allocation for

watershed programme under IWDP and EAS does not arise.

Late PM Shri Rajiv Gandhi's Statement on Money Spent on Rural Projects

865. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will he Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi had observed that out of one rupee spent on rural projects, only 15 paise reached the people;

(b) whether any efforts have been made during these years to find out where the remaining 85 paise goes;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, what are the findings and what action has been taken to plug the loopholes; and

(e) what have been the results of such measures and what is the current status in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Diversion of Funds Meant for Rural Development

866. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have diverted the funds meant for Rural Development to other purposes;

(b) if so, the names of such States and other details; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent such diversion of funds?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Training for Rural Youth for Self Employment (Trysem), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Indira Awass Yojana (IAY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) etc. are various Rural Development and Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation Programmes being implemented by the centre. Although system of checks and balances are inbuilt into schemes so that funds are properly utilised, Comptroller & Auditor General and Public Accounts Committee of Parliament have pointed out certain instances of diversion of funds in some states in case of JRY and EAS schemes.

As regards to JRY system of checks and balance are inbuilt into the scheme so that funds are properly utilized, JRY resources released to the village panchayats are kept in an exclusive and separate savings Bank, Post Office Account which can be operated jointly by Sarpanchg and other person nominated by the Panchayat. However, drawal from bank is required to be authorized in the meeting of the villager panchayat. The accounts in the meeting of the village panchayat. The accounts of DRDAs, Zilla Panchayats are also subject to regular audit.

The implementation of JRY is reviewed regularly by the Central and State Government through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from the State Governmetns Besides, the State, district, sub-division and block level officers are closely monitoring all aspects of the programme through visits. State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) for Rural Development also monitor the progress